

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 19-24 and 46-48 are in the application. Claim 1 through 18 and claims 25 through 45 have been cancelled. Claims 21 and 24 have been amended. New claims 46, 47, and 48 have been added to the application.

Claims 21 and 24 have been amended to correct minor errors and to more clearly claim that subject matter which the applicant considers to be inventive. No new matter has been added in the amendments.

An example of support for new claims 46-48 may be found in the application as originally filed at paragraph 78, where it is stated "The transceivers 22, 24 and 26 are optionally one of an optical transceiver for transmitting and receiving optical signals, and a radio frequency (rf) transceiver for transmitting and receiving RF signals." Additional support may be found at paragraph 40, last sentence, where it is stated, "Throughout the disclosure and in the claims that follow, it is to be understood that an optical signal includes any signal that is transmitted using one of infrared, visible and ultraviolet radiation." Accordingly, the applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the addition of new claims 46-48.

A statement has been added at the beginning of the specification to include specific reference to the parent application.

Applicant looks forward to receiving the first Official Action from the Examiner in due course.

Respectfully,



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